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- Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2000-246092 (published on September 12, 2000).The document is in Japanese; however an English Abstract is attached.
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